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SUBJECT: FULLER COMPANY DIFFICULTIES WITH DOMINICAN TAX AUTHORITIES

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1. AS DEPT IS AWARE, APPROACH DESCRIBED REFTEL (B) RESULTED IN
LAST MINUTE DECISION BY OUTGOING SECRETARY OF FINANCE BISONO TO
UPHOLD PREVIOUS DECISION AGAINST FULLER, MEANING A TAX BILL OF
\$1.8 MILLION PLUS INTEREST.

2. E/C COUNS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF PRESENCE OF NEW SECRETARY OF
FINANCE JOSE CABRAL AT A LUNCHEON AGUST 15 AND MENTIONED FULLER
CASE. CABRAL AGREED TO MEET WITH COMPANY REPS SHORTLY AFTER
ASSUMING OFFICE.

3. FULLER ATTORNEYS HEADRICK AND QUINONES, ACCOMPANIED BY E/C
COUNS, MET WITH CABRAL AUGUST 28. E/C COUNS REVIEWED AMBASSADOR'S
MEETING WITH THEN-PRESIDENT BALAGUER (SEE REFTEL (B)). HEADRICK
THEN REVIEWED ENTRE HISTORY OF FULLER CASE, INCLUDING TWO
INSTANCES OF BRIBERY SOLICITATIONS. AT CONCLUSION OF PRESENTATION,
SECRETARY CABRAL APOLOGIZED IN THE NAME OF THE GODR AND AS A
DOMINICAN FOR THE TREATMENT FULLER HAD RECEIVED. HE VOLUNTEERED
TO SPEAK TO HIS LEGAL ADVISORS AND TO THOSE ON HIS STAFF WHO ARE
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KNOWLEDGEABLE ON THE CASE, AND TO DO WHAT HE COULD TO SEEK A FAIR
RESOLUTION. ALTHOUGH HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE COULD NOT PROMISE
ANYTHING AT THIS POINT (NOT SURPRISINGLY), CABRAL SEEMED SYMPA-
THETIC AND WILLING TO HELP IF POSSIBLE.

4. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE IN CONTACT WITH LOCAL ATTORNEYS AND
WITH CABRAL AS APPROPRIATE.

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